

**In the Claims****Amend the claims as follows:**

1. (cancelled)
2. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim ~~4~~19 wherein said shroud material is flexible.
3. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim ~~4~~19 wherein said shroud material comprises pervious blanket material, metallic mesh material or heat conductive sheet material.
4. (cancelled).
5. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim ~~4~~19 wherein the hot gas source is a torch flame.
6. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim ~~4~~19 wherein said zone comprises a coating on a substrate and said coating is heated through said shroud material.
7. (original) Method as claimed in claim 6 wherein said shroud material is applied on a zone adjacent a second zone bare of said coating.
8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim ~~8-18~~ including the step of heating said second zone by application of hot gas to said second zone.

10. (original) Method of installing a heat-activatable repair patch over a portion of a tubular article having a coating extending at least over a first zone thereof and having a second zone bare of said coating, comprising heating said first and second zones to activation temperatures appropriate for the patch employing a heating method as claimed in claim 9 and thereafter installing said patch.

11. (original) Method of installing a heat activatable sleeve over a weld joint area of a coated pipeline having first zones including said coating axially outwardly from a second is zone bare of said coating, comprising heating said first and second zones to activation temperatures appropriate for said sleeve employing a heating method as claimed in claim 9, and thereafter installing said sleeve.

12. (original) Method as claimed in claim 11 wherein at least one heat shield structure has said first and second flanges axially spaced and said shroud material is wrapped around the girth of the pipeline.

13. (currently amended) Method as claimed in claim ~~8-18~~ wherein said second flange has a transversely outward extension.

14. (currently amended) Apparatus for use in applying heating to an elongate tubular

article comprising heat shield structure having first and second spaced heat resistant flanges adapted to extend outwardly from the article and in association with each heat shield structure a ~~heat-resistant~~ heat transmitting and heat dispersive shroud material adapted to extend over said article between said first and second flanges, said shroud being resistant to melting, distortion or degradation when hot gas is applied to it.

15. (original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 14 for use in preheating a portion of said article for reception of a patch, wherein said first and second flanges are endless, and said second flange is spaced transversely outwardly from said first flange.

16. (original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 14 for use in preheating a weld joint area for reception of a sleeve, wherein said flanges are adapted to extend radially from the article, and said shroud material is adapted to extend around the girth of the article.

17. (new) Method for heating a zone of an elongate tubular article comprising applying to the zone a heat transmitting and heat dispersive shroud material comprising woven glass fibre blanket, and applying a hot gas source to the outside of the shroud material to cause heat to be transmitted through the shroud material to said zone, wherein said shroud is resistant to melting, distortion or degradation when said hot gas is applied to it.

18. (new) Method for heating a zone on a substrate of an elongate tubular article, the zone comprising a coating on a substrate, the method comprising:

applying a heat transmitting and heat dispersive shroud material to the zone,

adjacent a second zone bare of said coating,  
 applying a heat shield structure adjacent the shroud material, said heat shield structure comprising a first heat-resistant flange extending away from a surface of the article adjacent said second zone and a second heat-resistant flange extending away from the surface adjacent the coating, said shroud material being disposed between said first and second flanges, and  
 applying a hot gas source to the outside of the shroud material to cause heat to be transmitted through the shroud material to heat the coating, wherein said shroud is resistant to melting, distortion or degradation when said hot gas is applied to it.

19. (new) Method for heating a first zone of an elongate tubular article comprising a substrate and a heat-degradable coating on said first zone, said first zone extending adjacent a second zone comprising said substrate bare of said coating, the method comprising the steps of applying to said first zone a heat transmitting and heat dispersive shroud material, said shroud material not extending over said second zone, and applying a hot gas source to a side of said shroud material away from the first zone to cause heat to be transmitted through the shroud material to said heat-degradable coating wherein said shroud material is resistant to melting, distortion or degradation when said hot gas source is applied to it, and whereby said coating can be raised to an elevated temperature without suffering a heat degradation.